

**Date:** Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00-3:00 MDT  
**Cost:** \$12.00, Lunch included  
**Payment:** Make checks payable to:  
**Figure Four Traditions**

**Who should attend?**

Farmers, ranchers, land owners, interested citizens, lenders, community leaders, elected officials, and local, state and federal agency personnel.

**Registration:**

Pre-registration is required. Please submit completed registration form with payment by May 23, 2005 to:  
**Congressman Tom Osborne**  
**203 West First Street**  
**McCook NE 69001**

**Location:**

Haythorne Ranch  
Seventeen miles north of Ogallala on Hwy. 61, turn west at Ackley Valley sign. Travel one mile to Figure Four Traditions event center.

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# Congressman Tom Osborne's Agritourism Forum

**Thursday, June 2, 2005**  
**Haythorne Ranch**  
**Arthur, NE**



Agritourism can be defined as any fee-based operation that offers rural experiences, products and education. From hunting and working ranches to star gazing and wine making, Nebraska has something for everyone! Join us to discuss how we can improve the economic viability of small farms and rural communities through agritourism.

## **Agenda**

(Mountain Daylight Time)

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| 9:00 – 9:30   | Registration  |
| 9:30 – 9:45   | Welcome<br>Congressman Tom Osborne                                    |
| 9:45 - 10:30  | Opening Comments<br>Dan Curran, Nebraska Division of Travel & Tourism |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Keynote Address<br>Doug Russell, Broken Arrow Wilderness              |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | Lunch   |
| 12:30 – 2:30  | Panel Discussion/Open Forum   |

### **“What will it take to make Nebraska a tourism destination?”**

Moderated by Connie Francis, Nebraska Rural Initiative

### **Agritourism Enterprises/Issues**

Jeff Pribbeno, Open Country Adventures  
- Managing private lands

Mike Kesselring, Northwest Nebraska High Country  
- Grouping events/attractions

Renee Seifert, Grand Island Visitors Bureau  
- Community Partners

Carol Ringenberg, UNL Cooperative Extension  
- Nebraska Vineyards

### **Nebraska Resources**

Mark Broman, Nebraska Game & Parks  
- Update on liability issues

Ritch Nelson, NRCS Wildlife Biologist  
- Conservation programs

Dan Curran, Nebraska Travel & Tourism  
- Marketing Nebraska

Bob Broweleit, Nebraska RC&D  
- Technical assistance

2:30 – 3:00 Closing Comments, Q&A – Congressman Osborne

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$12 per person Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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